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COMMUNICATION

Sir:

An Office Action dated December 16, 2003 was received in the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully assert that a response to the Action in the form of an Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111, along with a Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 and the patents cited therein, was mailed to the Patent Office on March 16, 2004. A copy of Applicants' Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111 and IDS, and a copy of the return postcard evidencing receipt of the Amendment and IDS by the Patent Office on March 19, 2004 are attached to this Communication.

Applicants' undersigned representative received a courtesy call on August 8, 2004 from the Examiner in this matter inquiring as to whether a response had been filed to the Action dated December 16, 2003. Applicants' undersigned representative informed the Examiner that an Amendment had been filed on March 16, 2004. The Examiner indicated that he would try to

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locate the Amendment. On September 10, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the response could not be located at the Patent Office and requested a duplicate copy of the filed documents. Accordingly, Applicants' undersigned representative is hereby providing a copy of the Amendment and IDS as indicated above (Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office contact the Applicants' undersigned representative if duplicate copies of the U.S. patents cited in the IDS are required by the Patent Office).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Copy of Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111
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